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C O N F I D E N T I A L GEORGETOWN 0599

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, GY
SUBJECT: CABINET CHANGES TO COME

REF: GEORGETOWN 0594

SUMMARY: FONMIN WILLS HAS CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT CABINET
CHANGES WILL TAKE PLACE BY MARCH 31. THEIR PURPOSE, HE
SAID, IS TO IMPROVE OVERALL PERFORMANCE OF GOG AND TO PROVIDE
MORE SOLID BASIS FOR 1978 ELECTION CAMPAIGN. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING A MEETING WITH ME MARCH 23, FONMIN WILLS CONFIRMED
REPORTS THAT EXTENSIVE CABINET CHANGES WILL OCCUR BY MARCH 31.
HE EXPECTS TO LOSE HIS JUSTICE MINISTRY PORTFOLIO BUT WILL
REMAIN FOREIGN MINISTER. WILLS, HUBERT JACK, MINISTER OF
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
PTOLEMY REID WILL MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM MARCH 25
TO DISCUSS THE CHANGES. JACK AND ZWHBOND HOYTE,
MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WILL KEEP THEIR
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JOBS, BUT OTHER CHANGES WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL. CECILENE
BAIRD (EDUCATION) AND MONTY HARPER (HEALTH) WILL BE OUT.
HAMILTON GREEN (COOPERATIVES AND NATIONAL MOBILIZATION)
WILL TAKE OVER HEALTH MINISTRY AND SHIRLEY FIELD-RIDLEY
(INFORMATION AND CULTURE) WILL TAKE OVER EDUCATION.
MINISTRY OF TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION WILL BE BROKEN

UP.

2. WILLS DESCRIBED CHANGES AS BEING INTENDED TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE. SOME OF INCUMBENTS HAD BECOME TIRED AND STALE. ALLEGATION OF CORRUPTION MADE GEORGE KING'S (TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION) FUTURE QUESTIONABLE. THE GOG WOULD TRY TO IMPROVE ITS PERFORMANCE AND IMAGE AS PREPARATION FOR 1978 ELECTIONS#(SPWCQQ

3. COMMENT: THE CABINET CHANGES ARE NOT A SURPRISE.

REPORTS OF IMPENDING CHANGES HAVE CIRCULATED SINCE DECEMBER, BUT ACTION HAD BEEN DELAYED UNTIL THE PM RESUMED HIS DUTIES.
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